## REMARKS

In response to the restriction of the pending claims, applicant elects the Group I claims (1-5, 14, 17, 18, 23, 24, 26, 34, 36, 41, 45, and 50), drawn to a process of resolving an enantiomeric mixture of the  $\alpha$ -hydroxy acid ester.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the nonelected subject matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for the two-month extension of time in the amount of \$450.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-1345. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-1345

Respectfully submitted,

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